post office is manned by departmental employees of the appropriate cadre. The ED Agents are paid a consolidated monthly allowance determined with reference to the work load. In view of the nature of the duties performed by them, they are treated as part-time agents of this department. Hence, it is not possible to regularise the services of ED Agents on whole-sale basis both on functional and economic considerations. However, in view of their association with this department, they are accorded preferential treatment in the matter of recruitment in departmental Gr. 'D'|postmen cadres. Residuary vacancies pertaining to departmental quota in time scale clerical cadres are also offered to eligible ED Agents. Such of the ED Agents as get recruited in departmental cadres by successfully competing among themselves, automatically become eligible for all the facilities and privileges such as leave, pay scales, pension, gratuity, increments etc. as are available to the departmental employees.

TELEPHONE EXCHANGE AND P&T OFFICES IN RAJASTHAN

2505. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the total number of post and telegraph offices as well as telephone exchanges functioning in Rajasthan, district-wise, as on 30th November, 1993;

(b) whether there is any proposal to open more post and telegraph offices and telephone exchanges during 1993-94 and 1994-95 in various districts of Rajasthan, particularly in Jaipur;

(c) if so, the details thereof, district-wise and category-wise, and the steps taken by Government during the last two years to increase the number of such offices; and

(d) whether Government propose to give some exchanges of the Department of Telecommunications in Rajasthan, on lease to the private sector, if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM) : (a) 10287 post offices and 1914 telegraph offices were functioning in Rajasthan as on 30-11-1993 district-wise details of which are given in statement I & II respectively (*see* below).

Information in respect of telephone exchanges is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

(b) and (c) As per target assigned, 30 Extra Departmental Branch Post Offices and 5 Departmental Sub-Post Offices are to be opened in Rajasthan during 1993-94. Out of these 30 Extra Departmental Branch Post Offices have already been opened. District-wise details in this respect are given in statement-III (See below). Details in respect of 1994-95 have not yet been finalised as state-wise targets, for opening of Post offices are being fixed annually.

Information in respect of telegraph offices and telephone exchanges to be opened in 1993-94 and 1994-95 is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

(d) The information is also being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT—I

District-wise number of Post Offices functioning as on 30-11-1993

Sl. No.	Name of the District	Number of Post Offices
1.	Alwar	490
2.	Ajmer	429
3.	Bharatpur	312
4.	Bhilwara	390
5.	Banswara	268
6.	Bundi	176
7.	Baran	197
8.	Barmer	476
9.	Bikaner	218
10.	Chittorgarh	395
11.	Churu	385
12.	Dholpur	286
13.	Dungarpur	294
14.	Dausa	196
15.	Jaipur	595
16.	Jhalawar	249
17.	Jalore	264
18.	Jhunjhunu	405
19.	Jaisalmer	205
20.	Jodhpur	344
21.	Kota	195
22.	Nagaur	537
23.	Pali	373
24.	Rajsamand	210
25.	Sawaimadhopur	499
26.	Sikar	463
27.	Sirohi	172
28.	Sriganganagar	360
29.	Tonk	220
30.	Udaipur	484
	TOTAL	10287

STATEMENT—II

Offices in Rajasthan District-wise as on 30-11-1993

Sl. No.	District	Offices providing Telegraph facilities
1.	Ajmer	58
2.	Alwar	65
3.	Banswara	52
4.	Baran	29
5.	Barmer	108
6.	Bharatpur	66
7.	Bhilwara	86
8.	Bikaner	83
9.	Bundi	16
10.	Chittorgarh	51
11.	Churu	65
12.	Dausa	16
13.	Dholpur	30
14.	Dungarpur	50
15.	Jaipur	122
16.	Jaisalmer	22
17.	Jalore	59
18.	Jhalawar	35
19.	Jhunjhunu	103
20.	Jodhpur	55
21.	Kota	42
22.	Nagaur	153
23.	Pali	89
24.	Rajsamand	33
25.	Sawaimadhopur	78
26.	Sikar	139
27.	Sirohi	37
28.	Sriganganagar	53
29.	Tonk	34
30.	Udaipur	85
	TOTAL	1914

STATEMENT—III

Sl. No.	District	Number of Branch Post Offices
1.	Alwar	1
2.	Bharatpur	2
3.	Banswara	3
4.	Bikaner	4
5.	Chittorgarh	1
6.	Dausa	1
7.	Dungarpur	4
8.	Jaipur	2
9.	Jhunjhunu	2
10.	Jhalawar	1
11.	Kota	1
12.	Sriganganagar	6
13.	Sawaimadhopur	2
	TOTAL	30

STD/ISTD BOOTHS IN THE COUNTRY

2506. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) how many STD/ISTD booths are functioning at present in various States; and

(b) what are their details, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM) : (a) and (b) The details of STD/ISTD booths functioning at present in various States are furnished in the statement.

STATEMENT

Number of STD/ISD Booths functioning Circle-wise as on 1-11-93

Name of Telecom. Circle/Telecom. District	Number of STD/ISD Booths
1. Andhra Pradesh	3492
2. Assam	534
3. Bihar	1436
4. Gujarat	5630
5. Haryana	1062
6. Himachal Pradesh	157
7. Jammu & Kashmir	99
8. Kerala	3485
9. Karnataka	3548
10. Madhya Pradesh	3837
11. Maharashtra	4444
12. North Eastern States	222
13. Orissa	649
14. Punjab	3371
15. Rajasthan	2833
16. Tamil Nadu	3747
17. Uttar Pradesh	3885
18. West Bengal	84
19. Bombay	2894
20. Delhi	2281
21. Calcutta	3818
22. Madras	1545

These STD PCOs have been set up mostly at places such as Commercial Housing Societies, Resettlement Colonies, Government Colonies, Family Quarters of Defence Personnel, Student's Hostels, Bus Stands, Tourist Centres, Airports, Pilgrim Centres, Railway Stations, Charitable Institutions, Hospitals, Educational Institutions, Public Libraries etc.